

reaction of degeneration. This is not in accord with the prevalent opinion concerning the distinction between partial and complete reaction of degeneration (Erb, Remak and Zimmern). We have not come across any reference to the common forms of speech disturbance, such as mutism, deaf-mutism, stuttering and stammering. It would not have been amiss to have mentioned the important work of Barany on nystagmus, and his researches on the pointing errors after turning in cases of cerebellar disease. On page 446 the statement is made that in neurasthenia the tendinous reflexes may be present at one time and absent at another. This view is opposite to that generally held, and were this admitted we could no longer rely on the state of these reflexes in differentiating functional and organic disease. The well-known illustration on page 365 should be credited to Dejerine and not to Starr. In the somewhat extensive discussion of hysteria the theories of Janet and Babinski are not mentioned. If the views of these investigators have not met with general acceptance their influence has been great in directing a practical therapy, and for this reason should receive consideration.

The second part of the book devoted to mental disease is rather too brief to do justice to the subject. The excellent references which accompany the first part of the work are found less frequently here. For the student to adequately grasp the significance of many of the symptoms of mental disease it is necessary to have a certain instruction in normal psychology and this is wanting. The Binet-Simon tests for mental deficiency in children, which have been received with so much favor in this country, might very well have been briefly considered.

The book is in attractive form, is well printed, and the illustrations are happily chosen. In general it may be said to very well fulfill the intention of its author—to serve as a convenient guide for the student and practitioner. W. F. S.

#### NEWS NOTES FROM NEWSPAPERS.

Yreka is to have a new hospital.

At Willows the scarlet fever epidemic is over and the schools have been opened.

Chiropractics were denied a special examining board by a vote of 14 to 38 in the assembly.

San Pedro is to have an emergency hospital at the city hall building in the harbor district.

Jackson, Amador County, has recently acquired a sanitarium under the management of Mrs. Allen.

Taft has a new hospital known as the General Hospital of Taft; it will accommodate 25 patients.

Turlock is to have a new hospital to cost about \$25,000; it is to be called the Swedish American Hospital.

Monterey County Hospital is well spoken of in the last report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections.

At Bakersfield the new Mercy Hospital is about finished and will probably be opened to the public by July 1st.

Spinal meningitis has been noted during the last few months in the Sacramento Valley, Bakersfield and Auburn.

The Nurses' registration and licensing bill passed the legislature, though how badly amended it was we do not know.

The Hanford Sanitarium was formally opened to the public in the latter part of April; it will accommodate 31 patients.

Menlo's Red Cross Hospital, a gift from Mrs. Reid, will be dedicated this summer some time; it has cost over \$100,000.

Hospital licensing and regulation under the su-

pervision of the State Board of Health are provided for in a bill that passed the legislature.

Southern California is to have a new state hospital for the insane and \$250,000 was appropriated for that purpose by the last legislature.

The Southern California Medical Society held its meeting at Arrowhead Springs May 7th and 8th and quite a large attendance is reported.

San Francisco's City and County Hospital is expected to be ready for occupancy by November 1st; it has been an awfully long time coming.

Nevada County has just finished an investigation of its county hospital that left a clean record, so far as the published accounts of it indicate.

San Mateo's newly organized health board has started out to "wage a war on unmuzzled dogs, after which they will start a fly campaign."

"Turtle serum" seems to be not so popular as it was, but a good many physicians in California either got fooled on it or deliberately deceived their patients.

A National Department of Public Health was the subject of a conference between President Wilson and a committee of the A. M. A., recently held in Washington.

Inebriates and drug habit victims will no longer be consigned to the state insane asylums if a bill passed by the legislature is eventually signed and becomes a law.

A new organization has been formed for the Study and Prevention of Cancer, to follow very much the same educational lines as the anti-tuberculosis societies.

Pasadena schools, after careful examination of the school children, disclose one child in four who needs medical attention. This is somewhat less than the average.

Two distinguished members of the Society have died recently and their obituary notices will be published in due course of time; Dr. W. S. Thorne and Dr. Geo. H. Powers.

The male "clean bill of health" before marriage bill was passed by the legislature. Why the provision was not made to apply also to women, is just one of the legislative mysteries.

Friedmann managed to secure free advertising to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars in value, and now the newspapers, beginning to realize that they have been "worked," are pretty sore about it.

The Glenn County Society has reduced the fees to be charged for office visits from \$2.50 to \$2.00 and for night calls from \$5.00 to \$3.50; they also decided, very wisely, to cut out all lodge and similar contract work.

Mariposa County. "Sealed bids will be received for the appointment of a county physician for the period of one year, from July 1, 1913, to July 1, 1914, said bids to be filed," etc. That is a new one in the bidding game.

Alameda County is trying a new scheme in health boards. At the election held in April, the charter was amended so as to provide for a health board composed of one physician, one member of the council and three other laymen. It will be interesting to see how it works out.

The Alienists and Neurologists of the U. S. are to have a meeting in Chicago June 24-27, 1913, the week after the meeting of the A. M. A. at Minneapolis. Dr. W. T. Mefford, 2150 W. Madison street, Chicago, Ill., is the secretary.

The Tulare County Medical Society held a very successful meeting at Visalia on May 13th, members being present from Tulare, Porterville, Lindsay, Exeter, Visalia and Dinuba. After the meeting there was an excellent dinner served.

The University of California, according to recent press items, has received approximately a million and a half dollars for its Medical Department; nearly half a million is for the development of the hospital and the balance for a research fund.